

SOUTH BEND

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Building a 21st Century City
MAYOR STEPHEN J. LUECKE

Letter from the Mayor

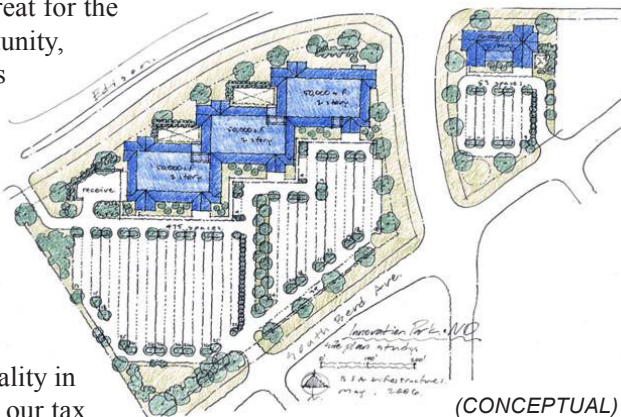
Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Last month I reported on the exciting development that is underway or poised to begin in the Northeast Neighborhood. This month, I want to highlight one of those projects that will be a cornerstone for South Bend's economic future.

Innovation Park will provide research facilities south of the University of Notre Dame, between Edison Rd. and South Bend Ave. The Park will continue our transition from a post-industrial economy to a thriving regional innovation economy. Along with Metronet, it will be a key tool in attracting and retaining new innovation-based businesses. It will be a catalyst that moves theoretical research into the commercial marketplace. This is possible because of a collaborative effort with public and private sectors, regional colleges and universities, that will engage students and faculty in hands-on research and development.

The park will occupy twelve acres and will include 200,000 square feet of synergistic office, laboratory, and research space in four buildings. Initial costs will be underwritten by grants, gifts, and public/private partnership, including targeted federal funding along with City seed capital of \$1 million. The investment will be significant, but the return on that investment will be great for the City and the entire community, as Innovation Park allows us to draw and retain the best and brightest technology and innovation-based enterprises to South Bend. As these businesses succeed and expand, they will create a new source of economic and cultural vitality in our region, by expanding our tax base and job opportunities, and by building a technology economy that will draw other tech businesses to our city.

Established businesses across the globe are adapting to new technology, and a whole new economic sector has emerged based on the internet and information technology. South Bend is uniquely positioned by geography, infrastructure, and opportunity to embrace this new sector. As the river and highway transportation systems were the basis of economic growth and expansion in our industrial past, so technology and the information superhighway will be the cornerstone of our economic future. If South Bend is to not just survive, but thrive in the new global economy, we must lead the way in facilitating the next generation of innovation businesses.



Sincerely,

Steve
Mayor Steve

THIS MONTH...

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Holiday Fun in South Bend!
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SNOW REMOVAL

Snow season is already upon us!

Snow removal is a team effort and you play an important role in keeping our streets and sidewalks clear and safe:

- It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of any premises on any city street to remove snow and ice from the public sidewalk within 24 hours after snow or ice has accumulated.
- If an owner or occupant fails to comply, the City may remove snow and ice after giving the owner or occupant 24 hours written notice. The owner or occupant will then be responsible for the cost of removal.
- The Dept. of Code Enforcement works with the Police Dept. to make sure abandoned vehicles are removed from city streets, especially during the winter months. *Abandoned vehicles are hazardous and obstruct snow removal crews from clearing streets for the safety of emergency vehicles and the general public.* Please report abandoned vehicles to Police, 235-9201 or Code Enforcement at 235-9486.

Thank you for your help to make South Bend a Clean, Safe City!

HOLIDAY FUN Around the 'Bend

Lighting of the City Christmas Tree

Friday, Dec. 1, 5:30-6:45pm

Jon R. Hunt Plaza

Local choirs perform and the artists who created the holiday greeting cards displayed on the Morris Green will be recognized. This all leads up to the big event - Santa's arrival and the lighting of the tree!

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 2, 8 a.m.

Newman Center

Cost: \$5.00 per person

A plated breakfast will be served.

Children will be entertained by Jetta & the Jellybeans, a visit by Santa, and more! Remember to bring canned goods which will be collected for local charities. Pre-registration in person at O'Brien Recreation Ctr. is required.

Tea with Santa

Saturday, Dec. 2, Noon & 1:15 p.m.

Ella Morris Conservatory

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Enjoy a light lunch with Santa. Two seatings are available, 12 noon and 1:15pm. Pre-registration in person at O'Brien Recreation Ctr. is required.

Holiday Skating Party

Sunday, Dec. 3, 4-6:00 p.m.

Howard Park Ice Rink

Admission: 2 pet food items per person, donated to South Bend Animal Control. Bring the entire family for this fun-filled time of skating, cookies, hot chocolate, and of course, Santa Claus! Skate rental is available.

For more information on these events, please call South Bend Parks & Recreation at 235-4768, ext. 239, or visit www.sbpark.org.

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The Morris PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

WINTERSCHEDULE

December

- 3 South Bend Symphony Pops
"Home for the Holidays"
- 9 Southhold Dance Theatre
presents "The Nutcracker"
Ballet
- 31 New Year's Eve Gala at the
Palais Royale

January

- 4-7 Sesame Street Live "Elmo's
Coloring Book"
- 20 South Bend Symphony
Orchestra "Go French"
- 21 1964, The Tribute (Beatles)
- 27 Notre Dame presents Moscow
Festival Ballet "Swan Lake"

February

- 1 Ron White "You Can't Fix
Stupid" Comedy Tour
- 10 South Bend Symphony
Orchestra "Broadway Nights"
- 16-18 ... Broadway Theatre League
presents "Hairspray"
- 24 Chris Botti

For more information, please call the Morris Box Office at 235-9190, or visit www.morriscenter.org.

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Smart Growth

ERSKINE UPDATE... JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

- The new TJ Maxx store at Erskine Village celebrated its Grand Opening on Oct. 22.
- Erskine Commons is officially open for business, as Lowe's opened to contractors on Monday, Oct. 23, and to the general public on Oct. 24. To celebrate the store's opening, Lowe's presented a check for \$1,000 to the St. Joseph County Habitat for Humanity Chapter. In addition, Lowe's donated leftover building materials from the new store to the Habitat ReStore, enough to build approximately half a house!
- The new, improved Ireland Rd., west of Michigan St., is now open ahead of schedule. The \$1.8 million project is the first phase of infrastructure improvements in the area.
- Walmart at Erskine Commons is expected to open Spring of 2007, and Gates Toyota and Chick-Fil-A are expected to be part of the new \$50 million, 56-acre shopping center as well.

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LEAF RELEASE

As leaf crews move about the City, residents are reminded of the following pickup guidelines:

- For loose leaf pickup, leaves must be raked to the curb by 6AM the morning of your scheduled pickup.
- If you miss your scheduled pickup, or have leaves left after the loose leaf program is completed, you may take advantage of the City's regular Yard Waste pickup program. Bagged leaves may be set at curbside by 6AM on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day.
- Due to weather conditions, the ReLeaf schedule may be subject to change. We will do our best to notify residents of these changes as we receive them.

For more information on leaf pickup and current schedules, please call the Bureau of Streets at 235-9244 or visit www.southbendin.gov/releaf.

Visit Our Website at www.SouthBendIN.gov!